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FOOD ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

(PHOENIX – July 31, 2003) – The Department of Economic Security has received a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture to provide food assistance and nutrition education programs for senior citizens in Yavapai and Pinal counties. The Food Assistance and Nutrition Project (FANS Project) is a partnership between the DES Family Assistance and Aging and Adult Administrations and the Arizona Nutrition Network seeking to provide one-on-one assistance to eligible seniors to assist in completing food stamp applications and to provide information on nutrition education.

If a person is 60 years or older, has a low or fixed income, high medical bills and few assets (not counting their home), they probably qualify for this assistance. A FANS Representative is available at various locations throughout Yavapai and Pinal counties such as food banks, senior centers, faith-based organizations, food plus distribution sites, etc. Home visits are provided when needed.

For more information please contact the DES Family Assistance Customer Service number at 1-800-353-8401 for a location near you.